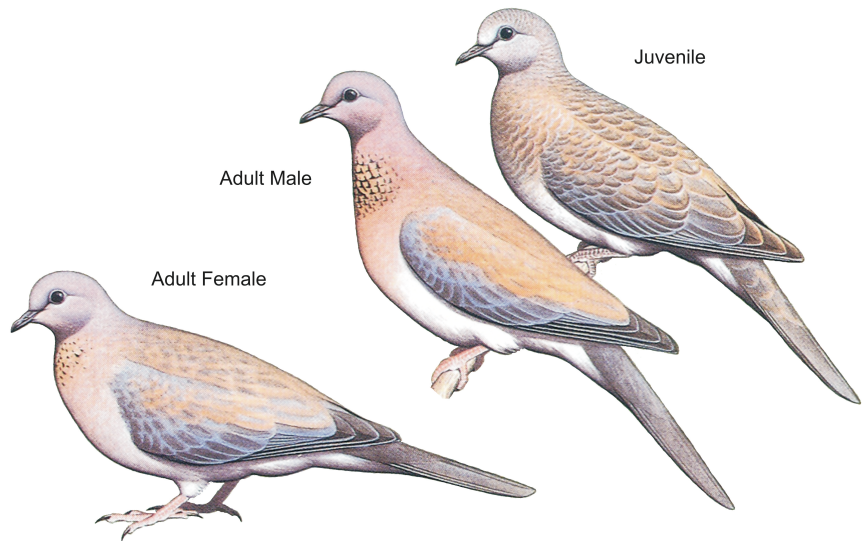


**Laughing Turtle-Dove**    *Streptopelia senegalensis*    **Species No.: 988**    **Band size: 07**



**Morphometrics:**

	Adult Male	Adult Female
Wing:	128 – 148 mm	127 – 143 mm
Tail:	97 – 125 mm	95 – 122 mm
Weight:	94 – 124 g	91 – 115 g

**Ageing:**

	Adult (1+)	Juvenile
Bill:	grey-black or dark grey-brown;	pale horn or dark grey;
Iris:	dark brown;	light brown or ochre;
Orbital ring:	light grey with pink edge;	blue;
Legs & feet:	purple or dull red;	red-pink;

The overall appearance of juveniles is browner plumage than adults (see illustration); Juveniles acquire adult plumage within 3 to 4 months of fledging. Adults should therefore be aged (1+);

**Sexing:**

Adults are sexually dimorphic on plumage as follows:

	Adult Male	Adult Female
Forehead, crown & nape:	mostly greyish-pink;	grey with mauve wash to feather tips;
Chin:	greyish-pink;	off-white;
Lower throat & sides of neck:	feathers black with light rufous-brown tips forming a finely black-spotted rufous-brown band;	similar to male but not as extensive - see illustrations;

Both sexes incubate